

**GRANT RECIPIENT**  
IDNR DIVISION OF  
NATURE PRESERVES

**YEAR**  
2010

**COUNTY**  
PORTER

**CATEGORY**  
LOW COST CONSTRUCTION

**GRANT AWARD**  
\$8,435

**LOCAL SHARE**  
\$8,435

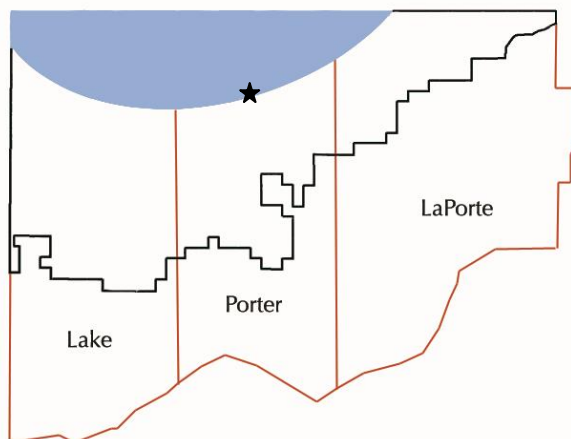


## Indiana Dunes State Park Lakeshore Migration Magnitude Study

This project continued to work in accomplishing the implementation of the 2010-2015 Natural Resource Management Plan (NRMP) for the Indiana Dunes State Park. The Indiana Dunes State Park sought one experienced bird migration counter for the seasonal period of March 1-June 1, 2011. The Green Tower site is a premier spring birding site where upwards of 1,000,000 birds fly by each spring. Many go unnoticed or visiting birders can become overwhelmed in the volume. In 2010, 151,496 individual birds were logged and identified to one of 185 species seen by eight visiting birders on their free time. This data had implications in future management in the dunes area, such as wind farm construction and other lakefront structures.



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**RESULT:** Hired a spring birder for counts on migrating birds through Indiana Dunes State Park to be used with the management plan.